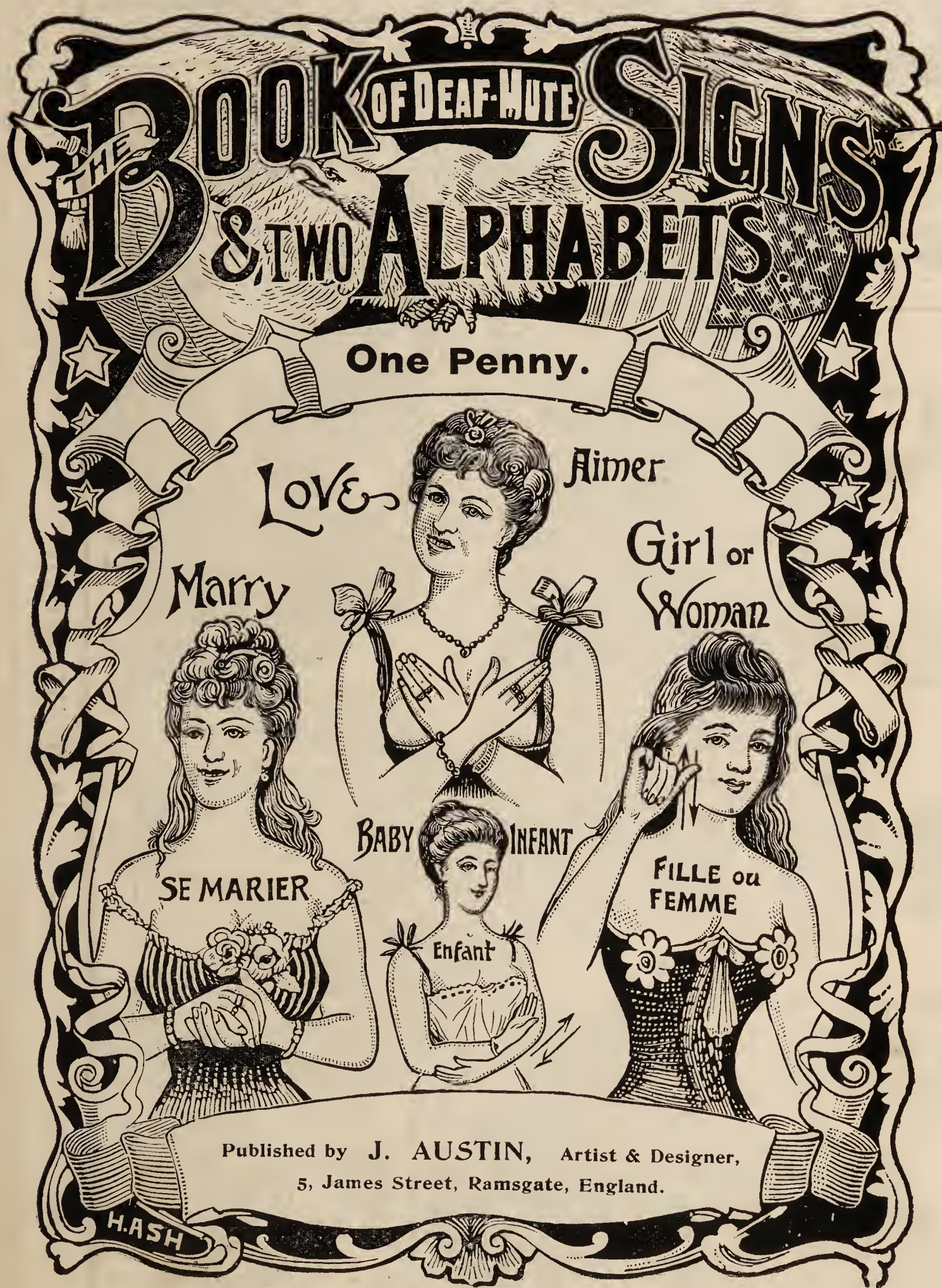


**Supposing you were suddenly struck
Deaf! What then?**



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INTERESTING FACTS.

We notice two deaf persons in the street, talking eagerly in the sign and finger language. We think at first they are quarrelling; a little observation convinces us that they are on the most friendly terms. We go our way thoughtful.

What does this deafness mean?

Fancy life without audible speech, life without music, life without any of the expressive noises that make it pregnant with meaning. Imagine the stillness of dead night prolonged into the living day—motion, everywhere motion, but not a breath of sound. This is deafness in its totality; this is what deafness means.



When the good Abbé was very old the Ambassador of the Queen of Russia, Catherine II, came & offered him rich presents. "My lord," said the Abbé, "I never receive gold; tell Her Majesty, that if my labours have appeared to her to have any claim on her esteem, all that I ask, is that she will send me a deaf and dumb person, or a master to be instructed in this art of teaching."

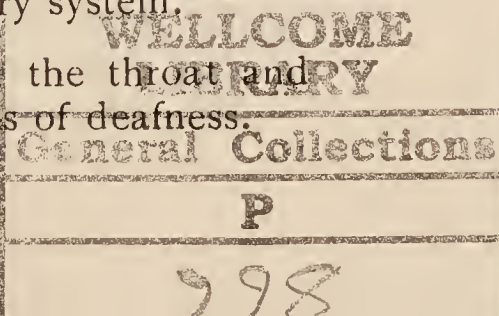
The marriage of relatives is one cause of deafness. The proportion of born deaf among Jews is four times that among Christians.

A Paris doctor has been preparing statistics in regard to sex in deafness. Out of 3,000 cases which have come under his notice he finds that the male sex is more subject to ear diseases than the female, there having been 1,790 of the former to 1,120 of the latter. Among those in whom only one ear was affected there were 478 men and 311 women. Deafness was equal on both sides in 238 men and 162 women.

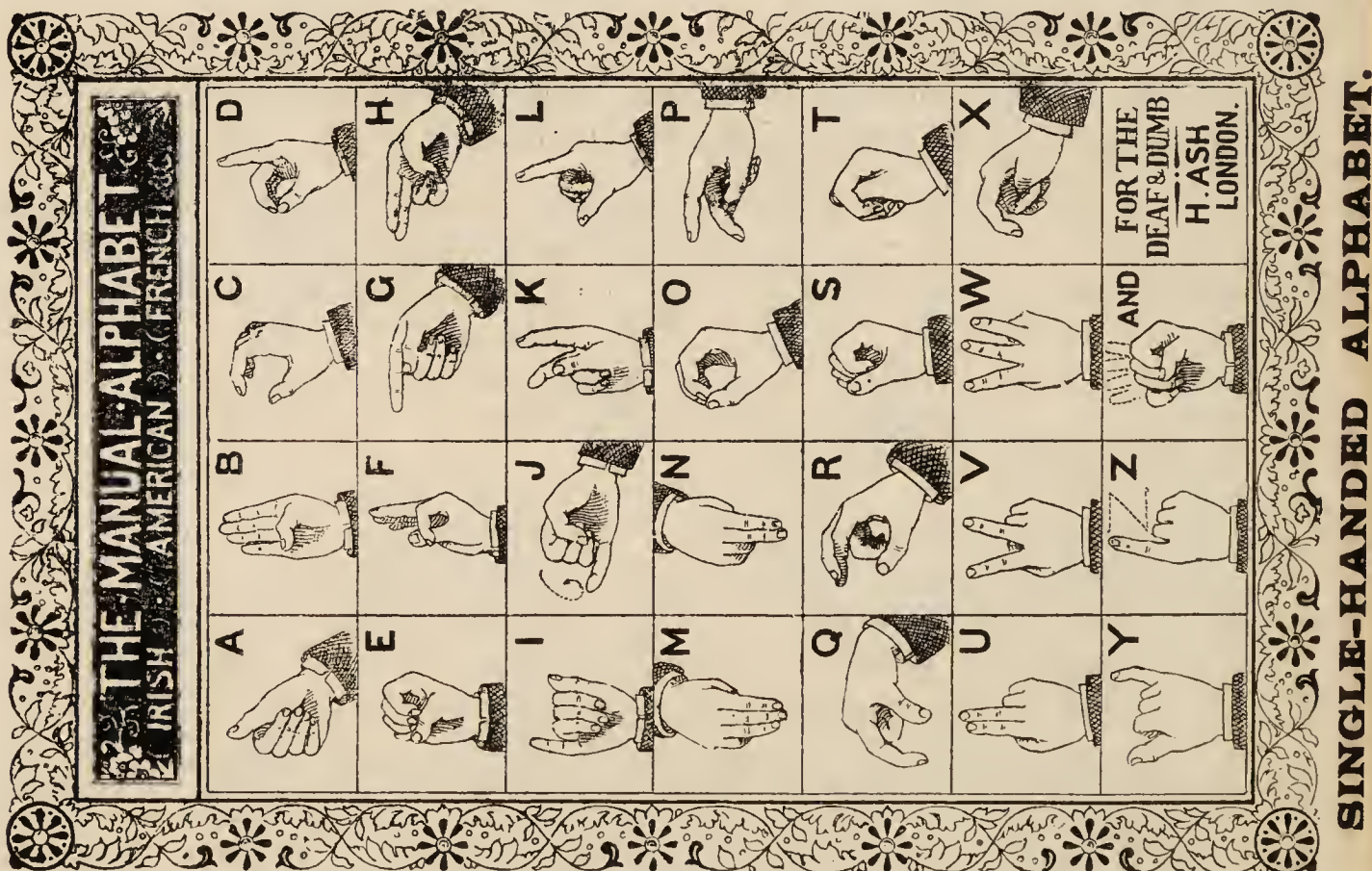
Hartmann thinks the born deaf about equal in number to the accidentally deaf; E. Schmaiz gives 68 of the former to every 32 of the latter. The number of the latter, however, must decrease as medical science advances. Scarlet fever is a common cause of deafness; but this unhappy effect is commonly due to unskilful treatment.

Parents and teachers should not box the ears of children: it is very dangerous. Lovers, too, should beware of kissing the dear one's ears; a young lady was rendered deaf in one ear by a kiss rupturing the drum. The habitual use of pungent odours, such as smelling salts, should also be avoided. They weaken the olfactory nerves, which are in close sympathy with the auditory system.

Diseases of the nerves, the brain and ears, and the throat and nose; shocks, fits, damp, are among the other causes of deafness.



To Help the Deaf—Learn this.



An ancestor of Lord Cromer was John Franz Baring, a Lutheran minister of Bremen. He had a son, Francis, who, though deaf from his youth, was a splendid business man, and made a great fortune. Pitt made him a baronet, and at one time he was chairman of the old East India Company.

SIGNS in GENERAL USE



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The deaf of to-day are occupied in almost every department of commerce, art, literature, and science.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago the world was without schools for the deaf and dumb.



A son of Croesus, King of Lydia, was deaf and dumb.

The Emperor Augustus had a relative named Quintus Pedius who was a deaf mute



The deaf and dumb can converse in signs as quickly and clearly as hearing people can talk.

21 SHADOWGRAPHS.



A MIRTHFUL AND AGREEABLE PASTIME.